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"(c) The sale price of exported medicines is fixed on the basis of the cost of raw materials used, labour and supervision charges involved for the preparation and a margin of 20 per cent over the cost of the production. Postage and sales tax are charged separately."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Sir, are the preparations of medicines up to the standard? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suppose they are up to the standard, for they are widely used by L.I.Ms., G.C.I.Ms., municipalities and local bodies."

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR :—" Are the persons who make the preparations qualified? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Who is to decide that they are up to the standard? May I know whether there is any body constituted by Government to judge their standard? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no separate body for the purpose, Sir."

Delay in getting permits for bringing firewood from non-forest areas.

* 295 *Q.*—SRI N. ANNAMALAI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a delay of two months in getting permits from the District Forest Officers for bringing firewood from non-forest areas; and

(b) whether the Government propose to authorise the Revenue Inspectors or Tahsildars concerned to issue permits in this regard?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) No, Sir. The permits are generally issued expeditiously on application.

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that while prices of other commodities have fallen down, the price of firewood has increased in the City of Madras? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no idea about the increase in price of firewood. If the hon. Member would give me any particulars, I shall look into the matter."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, the fact is that the price of firewood is very high, much more than what it was during the war period. Will the Government see that adequate supply is made to the City of Madras through private agencies, so that the price may come to its proper level? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. I shall look into it."